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COVID-19 TEST SITE TO SUPPORT A SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL



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Port Charlotte, Fla. –The Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County in collaboration with Charlotte County Emergency Management, will provide free COVID-19 testing at the Charlotte Sports Park. In support of our community and the return to school, the test site can test anyone 5 years old and older. Children under 18 must accompanied by a legal guardian/parent.

Appointments are available for Tuesday and Thursday. No long lines. No long wait times. All from the comfort of your car. Make an appointment today by visiting www.coadfl.org.

Charlotte County Sports Park: 2300 El Jobean Rd, Port Charlotte, FL

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Residents can secure an appointment for testing by registering at: <https://coadfl.org>

Appointments **NOT** required. No same-day appointments will be available online, but same day onsite registration is available. Individuals must be 5 years and older. Anyone under the age of 18 **must** be accompanied by a legal guardian/parent.

Anti-body testing will not be available.

This is a "drive-thru" service. All individuals must stay in their vehicles during the process (during registration and while being tested). Results may take 7-10 days.

Other Locations Available:

- Publix Test Site - 4265 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte. No appointment needed. 18 years and older.
- North Port Drive Up Testing (Sarasota County) – More info at: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites/>
- CVS Pharmacy at 2400 Tamiami Trail in Punta Gorda is offering drive through COVID-19 testing by appointment only. Hours are Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm. Saturday and Sunday-10:00am – 4:30 pm. Register at CVS.com

Specialty Test Site

- Amedisys – Homebound Testing – If you are not able to leave your house due to certain medical reasons, you may be eligible for home services. To find out if you qualify, call 941-391-1316

Pediatric COVID testing

- Robert Taylor Community Center Walk-In Clinic - **ALL AGES**.
1845 34th St, Sarasota. No appointment needed. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. while supplies last. More info at: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites/>
(Closed Aug. 18 & Nov 3 for voting)
- Turner Agri-Civic Center - **ALL AGES**.
2250 NE Roan Street, Arcadia. Drive-thru site. No appointment needed.
Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. More info at:
<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites/>
- Local Pediatricians – **Most** Charlotte County pediatricians do testing for current patients with symptoms/exposure.

Should I be tested for COVID-19? Before you decide to make an appointment to be tested for COVID-19, please consider the following:

- **Are you ill, or caring for someone who is ill?**
 - In the two weeks before you felt sick, did you:
 - Have contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19?
- **Do you have any of the following?**
 - Fever or feeling feverish (chills, sweating)
 - Cough
 - Sore throat
 - Muscle aches or body aches
 - Vomiting or diarrhea
 - Change in smell or taste
- **In the last two weeks have you spent time** (visited, worked or volunteered) in a hospital, emergency room, clinic, medical office, long-term care facility or nursing home, ambulance service, first responder services, any health care setting or taken care of patients or someone who has been sick?
- **Do you have any of the following conditions?**
 - Chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, or smoking
 - Serious heart conditions
 - Weakened immune system (cancer treatment, prolonged use of steroids, transplant or HIV/AIDS)
 - Severe obesity (Body Mass Index [BMI] greater than or equal to 40)
 - Underlying conditions (diabetes, renal failure, or liver disease)

Please stop the spread of COVID-19:

- If you have been tested for COVID-19, please stay at home until you receive your test results.
- Follow social distancing, even when you are at work and home (especially if someone in your home is sick)
- Stay at home if you are sick, or if you have been around someone who has been sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

- Cover your coughs and sneezes; cough or sneeze into a tissue NOT in your hands!
- Cover your face with a cloth face covering when you are in public or around others.
- Clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces
- Avoid travel to higher risk areas (areas known to have high numbers of cases)

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) releases a report on COVID-19 cases in Florida once per day. There is also a report detailing surveillance data for every Florida county. The Florida Department of Health also releases a list of long-term care facilities in Florida with active cases and number of deaths in each facility.

The surveillance data, long term care data and information on a case-by-case basis can be found at: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/#latest-stats>

For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website, this website is also available in Spanish and Creole.

The COVID-19 Call Center is available 24/7 | 1 (866) 779-6121 | COVID-19@flhealth.gov

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